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Soviet Airframe Plant No. 387 Probably Involved in Production of MI-6

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(Hook) Helicopter: [REDACTED]

recently revealed that the new heavy cargo helicopter, MI-6, is being constructed at an airframe plant in Kazan. He also stated that the MI-4 (Hound) helicopter was formerly produced in the Kazan plant.

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Comment: It is almost certain that the source is referring to Plant No. 387 in Kazan, a known producer of the MI-4 helicopter since 1955. Credence is given the report, since Plant No. 387 is a known producer of helicopters designed by M. Mil, designer of the Hound. Plant No. 387 probably is currently involved in some stage of production activity on the MI-6.

The twin turbine-powered Hook was probably first sighted by reliable western observers on 1 October, 1957, at Khiski Airfield. The Soviet news agency TASS announced on 30 October, 1957, that the new MI-6 helicopter had recently been test flown. The Soviet press later claimed that the helicopter had broken pay-load lifting records.

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Two of the giant helicopters were sighted at Khimki Airfield in May, 1958. While the production site of these two MI-6 is unknown, series production of the Hook probably will take place at Plant No. 357 in Kazan.

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